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SUBJECT: FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF CENTRAL REGION REORGANIZATION
- PLAN CHARLIE (ALTERNATE) REVISED

REFERENCE DOCUMENT MBC-M(77)10, SUBJ: CENTRAL REGION REORGANIZATION, CRR 74 PEACE COLLOCATION HQ CENTAG/4ATAF/AMF(L) IN HEIDELBERG - PLAN CHARLIE (ALTERNATE) REVISED, DATED 10 JANUARY 1977 SUMMARY. THE MILITARY BUDGET COMMITTEE (MBC), EXERCISING ITS AUTHORITY UNDER C-M(69)22, EXAMINED THE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF REFERENCED SUBJECT PLAN ON 26 JANUARY 1977. DURING COURSE OF DISCUSSION, GERMAN DELEGATE (GERZ) STATED THAT HIS AUTHORITIES COULD NOT ACCEPT HEIDELBERG COST ESTIMATE FIGURES IN ISOLATION, 8.E., WITHOUT ACCOMPANYING COST FIGURES FOR SECKENHEIM/ (INITIAL PLAN CHARLIE COLLOCATION) SINCE, IN HIS AUTHORITIES' VIEW, THIS LOCATION REMAINED A VIABLE CONSIDERATION. US DELEGATE (DENNEHY) INTERPOSED THAT THERE WAS BUT ONE PLAN BEFORE THE COMMITTEE, I.E., HEIDELBERG, AND THAT COMMITTEE SHOULD CONFINE ITS EXAMINATION OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS TO THE GEIDELBERG COLLOCATION PLAN. WE WERE SUPPORTED BY CONFIDENTIAL

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NETHERLANDS, BELGIUM, AND SHAPE REPS. COMMITTEE AGREED TO SEEK FURTHER CLARIFICATION FROM SHAPE (AND FROM FRG DURING VISIT TO GERMANY, 7-18 FEB 77) BEFORE SENDING RECOMMENDATION TO DPC (ACCOMPANIED IF NECESSARY BY GERMAN MINORITY VIEW) END SUMMARY.

1. UNDER AUTHORITY OF NATO DOCUMENT C-M(69)22, PART IV, PARA 8, MBC EXAMINED THE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF PLAN CHARLIE (ALTERNATE) REVISED, FOR COLLOCATION OF HQ USAREUR, HQ CENTAG AND HQ 4ATAF AT HEIDELBERG, FRG.

2. GERMAN DELEGATE (GERZ) ACTING ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM BONN, REJECTED AS INADEQUATE THE COST ESTIMATE FOR PLAN CHARLIE (ALTERNATE) REVISED SINCE, IN HIS AUTHORITIES' VIEW, THE PRESENTATION WAS INCOMPLETE IN THAT IT FAILED TO PROVIDE COST ESTIMATES FOR COLLOCATION AT SECKENHEIM OF ONLY HQ CENTAG AND HQ 4ATAF FOR COMPARISON PURPOSES. US REP ARGUED THAT THERE WAS ONLY ONE PLAN BEFORE THE COMMITTEE, NAMELY, COLLOCATION OF ALL THREE HEADQUARTERS IN HEIDELBERG. FURTHER, HE NOTED THAT PLAN CHARLIE HAD BEEN EVOLVING SINCE 1971, WITH SECKENHEIM A PART OF THE EVOLVING PLANNING PROCESS, THAT SECKENHEIM HAD BEEN SUPERSEDED BY HEIDELBERG, AND THAT SACEUR HAD APPROVED HEIDELBERG BECAUSE IT OFFERED OPERATIONAL/ COMMUNICATION/ADMINISTRATIVE ADVANTAGES OVER SECKENHEIM. SINCE AN AUTHORITATIVE MILITARY DECISION HAD BEEN MADE TO COLLOCATE AT HEIDELBERG, THE COMMITTEE WOULD BE EXCEEDING ITS CHARTER BY INSISTING ON EXAMINING COST ESTIMATES RELATED TO A DISCARDED LOCATION WHICH, MOST IMPORTANTLY, WAS NOT A PART OF THE DOCUMENT THE MBC WAS CONSIDERING FOR PURPOSES OF REPORTING TO THE DPC.

3. SHAPE (COL STEPHENS), NETHERLANDS (DE POOTER), AND BELGIAN (VANDENBRANDEN) REPS AGREED WITH US POSITION. THE UK REP REQUESTED THAT SHAPE PROVIDE MORE DETAILED COST FIGURES AS WELL AS REASON FOR AND COST IMPLICATIONS OF COMMON FUNDING.

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4. A COMMITTEE CONSENSUS EMERGED: (1) TO CHARGE SHAPE WITH DEVELOPING DETAILED ESTIMATES FOR PLAN CHARLIE (ALTERNATE) REVISED; (2) TO INVESTIGATE FURTHER THE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS DURING ITS FORTHCOMING (ON/ABOUT 9 FEB 77) VISIT TO HEIDELBERG, AND (3) TO PREPARE SUBSEQUENTLY A REPORT (CONFINED TO THE HEIDELBERG LOCATION) WITH A COVER LETTER COMMENTING ON THE GERMAN POSITION.

5. NO GUIDANCE REQUIRED. STRAUSS-HUPE

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